

El Dorado High School Wall of Fame Athletes

Listed in alphabetical order

Mark Alex

Class of 1983

Inducted in 2011

Before his senior year in 1983, Mark Alex made a difficult decision – for his first three years of high school, he had competed in two sports that he loved: baseball and wrestling. But for his last year as a Golden Hawk, he had to decide to focus on one sport and give up the other. He chose wrestling – and the rest, as they say, is history! His senior year included not only a league championship, but a 2nd in CIF (He had also been 2nd in CIF his junior year!), 1st place in the Masters meet, 1st place in the short-lived SoCal regional championships, and a 3rd place in the California state tournament. He takes pride in being a part of El Dorado's State Championship team in 1982. In May 1983 he was awarded the prestigious El Dorado High School Athlete of the Year distinction. And off the wrestling mat? He was recognized as a National Merit commended scholar, Homecoming King, and the EDHS Hawk of the Year! His stellar achievements both as a scholar and an athlete resulted in an athletic scholarship for Mark from Stanford University. A three-year varsity letterman at Stanford, Mark earned a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering. Looking back, Mark says this, "I had never wrestled before joining the program at EDHS; I had played football in youth leagues. During my freshman year, Coach Gonzales pulled me up to varsity to compete for an open weight slot. As it would turn out, my hard work combined with great coaching allowed me to excel ... my personal goal entering high school was to graduate and attend a top-notch university. Well, wrestling and solid academics allowed me to meet and exceed that goal!" Today he is married to Rose Marie – they have two children, Rocco and Gabriella. Mark enjoys coaching their sports teams! After twenty years in the logistics and transportation industry, the Alex's run their own business and live in Long Beach. Just recently Mark has been named head varsity wrestling coach at Buena Park High School! In addition to Frank Gonzales, who believed in Mark's wrestling potential, Mark also thanks Steve Hyams for teaching him intensity, toughness and the importance of perfect technique. He also thanks Kent Iwanaga for being his mentor and wrestling partner in high school. And he appreciates the classroom challenges provided by Connie Grosse and Dave Mosley.

Guy Antley

Class of 1972

Inducted in 1998

In the years that Guy attended El Dorado, from 1968-1972, his athletic prowess in aquatics was unquestioned. As a senior he was named All-League, All-CIF and All-American in water polo for his consistency and strength as a goalie. He was Orange League champion in the 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard medley relay that same year. He attended the University of California at Irvine, and received a degree in history. During his time at UCI, he was an All-American swimmer (Division II). In addition, he was a four-year NCAA All-American in water polo. For three years he was a member of the United States National Team and earned a silver medal as a part of the 1975 Pan-American Games in Mexico City. Guy played in over seventy-five international matches, and in 1974 was a member of the World Championship American team. He was named to the 1976 Olympic team as well. When asked about special El Dorado memories, Guy identified the 1971 water polo game against Valencia (for a league championship) as one of the very best! He also says that watching his daughter develop through the academic side of El Dorado (Shauna graduated in 1996) is his happiest memory. He remembers El Dorado coaches and teachers Walter Druff, Rick Davis, Steve Dutcher, Dave Mosley, Ken Pence, and Tom Byrnes as very influential. He gives credit to his parents for their support every step of the way. After graduating from college, Guy was head coach for a short time for the Swim Team of Placentia and worked with many Golden Hawk swimmers and water polo players. He then went into a sales and marketing position in the electronics industry and is today executive vice president for a Phoenix, Arizona electronics equipment manufacturer. His advice to current student-athletes: "There are no guarantees in life but your attitude and your hard work." Guy and his wife Cindy currently live in Placentia.

Kevin Blankenship

Class of 1981

Inducted in 2011

The name Blankenship – in the late '70's and into the mid 80's – was synonymous with Golden Hawk baseball. Kevin, and his three brothers Jeff, Bob and Shawn, made remarkable contributions to the success of our school's program; each of the Blankenship brothers continued his baseball career at the college and professional level. In the spring of 1981, El Dorado played for the CIF championship at Anaheim Stadium – that year Kevin was named an All-League, All-County and All-CIF pitcher. Coach Steve Gullotti remembers this: "When we reached the play-offs Kevin pitched 4 out of 5 games and beat some very good pitchers. In the semi-finals at EDHS we got just one hit, and parlayed that into an unearned run on a passed ball. Kevin pitched a shutout and we won 1-0. He came back on three days' rest to hold a very good Covina team to three runs in the finals. Kevin was a nice polite kid off of the field but once the game started he was not afraid to throw inside or even drop a hitter on his backside if the situation called for it!! That same competitiveness carried him to the big

leagues. He set the standard of excellence by which all other pitchers would be measured over my career.” After high school Kevin spent three years on an athletic scholarship at the University of Arizona. Following his junior year he was signed by the Atlanta Braves. He spent his first minor league season with the Gulf Coast League Braves in 1984 as a reliever and posted a 1.34 ERA over 19 games. In late 1988 he was called up to the majors and made his debut in a home game against the San Francisco Giants – Kevin struck out the first batter he ever faced! His professional career saw him play for the Chicago Cubs, the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Texas Rangers, and the Baltimore Orioles organizations. One of the things he remembers – and cherishes – is the opportunity he had to play with one of his childhood idols, Nolan Ryan, when he was with Texas. When his playing days were over, he spent six years as a baseball scout and area supervisor for the New York Mets. He is thankful for the coaching and inspiration that he received from Steve Gullotti and Steve Leavitt. He and his wife Cynthia live in Rocklin, California, and have two daughters Rachel (16) and Danielle (12). Kevin now owns a contracting business and enjoys time golfing and fishing.

Bret Boone

Class of 1987

Inducted in 1998

Bret came to El Dorado as a sophomore, and in his three years as a Golden Hawk he played both basketball and baseball with flair. It is his athletic achievements on the baseball field that we especially honor. A three-year All-League infielder, Bret received All-CIF honors as a senior. He broke the El Dorado school season record for home runs with ten, for RBI's with thirty-one, and batting average with 0.500. Following El Dorado, Bret spent three years at USC before he signed in 1990 with the Seattle Mariners. While a Trojan, he was named an All-American in 1988. As many know, Bret is the third generation in his family to play in the major leagues. His grandfather Ray (infielder with the Boston Red Sox) and his father Bob were both very influential in modeling how to be a major-league ball player and how to be a major-league person to Bret. Now completing his fifth year with the Cincinnati Reds, Bret's baseball achievements continue to dazzle fans. In 1997 he set the all-time major league fielding record for a second-baseman - he committed just two errors and had a fielding percentage of 0.998. His glove was sent to the baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown! Bret acknowledges Steve Gullotti as being a very important coach in his life, and he says that his mom Sue has always been a sensitive, loyal, and protective influence. A special challenge came for Bret in Seattle in 1993 when he failed to make the team out of spring training. After being sent up and down three times that year, he was finally called up for good. Though he grew up thinking and truly believing that he was going to be a professional baseball player that time in the minor leagues motivated him to want to do better than he had ever done before. Bret and his wife Suzanne, have a daughter Savannah Kai (2). He has good memories of his time at El Dorado and advises students to “enjoy your youth!”

Tyrone Branyan

Class of 1975

Inducted in 2000

Tyrone came to Placentia in 1970 after living in both Texas and Oklahoma. As a center and forward, he was one of the leaders of the Golden Hawk basketball teams that won back-to-back CIF Championships in 1974 and 1975. He was named all-CIF as a junior and senior. The Hawks were known for their pressing, fast-break style of play and Tyrone was one of the keys to the Hawk's success. He led the team in rebounding both years and played the point position on the press. Following his graduation from EDHS, he moved on to Cypress College where he led the Chargers to the California State Basketball Championship. He was named the MVP of the Championships. The University of Texas recruited him after his two years at Cypress and as usual, success followed him. UT won two Southwest Conference titles with Tyrone starting both years. The Longhorns advanced to the NCAA Tournament and the National Invitational Tournament during his two years. UT won the NIT title in New York City's Madison Square Garden with Tyrone again leading the team. He was named the NIT's Most Valuable Player after the title game. The San Antonio Spurs, following college, drafted Tyrone. He played professionally in Germany for several years and was named to the Cypress College Hall of Fame in 1995. Tyrone will always appreciate the great support and confidence shown by El Dorado principal Marv Stewart, and is grateful to El Dorado's "great coaches" that enabled him to grow and develop. "When I look back, the progress I made was truly unbelievable. As a 6'5", 165 lb. junior who had only played sophomore basketball the year before to start and succeed on the varsity is a great tribute to coach Nash Rivera and his assistant Iran Novick." Branyan lives in Cushing, Oklahoma, pursuing personal business ventures and raising thoroughbred racehorses.

Marilyn Nichols Broady

Class of 1981

Inducted in 2011

When Marilyn was 14, her father, who was a talented runner in college, asked her to job around the neighborhood with him. She says, "I soon learned that I really liked to run." And run she did; and run she does! Her achievements in cross country and track earned her the Most Valuable Runner award in both sports every single season for four years at El Dorado High School. As a junior she won league in cross country, was a CIF finalist and named to the all-OC team. As a senior she was Orange League champ in both the mile and the two-mile! At one point she held school records in the mile, the two-mile, the marathon, the 10,000 meters, and in the distance medley relay! Marilyn remembers beating the Edison girls at the Mammoth cross country meet as a special achievement. At Cal Poly San Luis Obispo she was a cross country All-American in both 1982 and 1983, and is a member of that school's Top Ten list in the 5000 and 10,000m. If you ask Marilyn who her hero is, she names Grete Waitz of Norway. As a teenager, Marilyn had the chance to meet the world champion runner and get her autograph. One of Marilyn's distinct memories comes from 1982 at the Division II Cross

Country Nationals in St. Cloud, Minnesota. It was 10°F and the snow was knee-deep in places. Though California teams were counted out because of the snow, her Cal Poly team raced hard and worked together to become the national champions! “My feet were frozen, but we were #1!” Marilyn earned a B.S. in Marine Biology in college and has taught junior high school science now for twenty-two years. She and her husband Kevin, who is also a runner, have been married for 25 years and have three children: Marcus (23), Jasmine (22) and Christopher (20). Since 1986 Marilyn has been a part of the Gardena Reebok Road Racing team. Her El Dorado memories include all the running workouts with Coach Don Chadez on the bike and the runners in the orange groves. She also thanks chemistry teacher Connie Grosse for being a role model for women in science she encourages student-athletes to always have a goal that you are striving for and to do your best every day to reach it. When you reach your goal, enjoy the moment, reward yourself, and set a new goal!

Robert Coons

Class of 1988

Inducted in 2017

Robert distinguished himself as a gifted, skilled, and highly motivated four-year athlete in both football and baseball during his years as a Golden Hawk. In both his junior and senior years at El Dorado, he earned All-Empire league honors for football. As a senior he was named to the Orange County All-Star football team and helped to lead the Golden Hawk baseball team to an Empire League championship. Robert credits a number of his high school coaches and teachers as being especially influential in his personal, academic, and athletic life: Steve Gullotti, Carl Sweet, Charles Titus, Steve Leavitt, Iran Novick, Scott Orloff, Sean Foy, Joe Jacobs, and Al Leonard. Robert’s most special memories of his time as a Golden Hawk include beating Valencia HS in football his senior year, as well as hitting a home run against Esperanza his senior year and giving Coach Gullotti his first-ever Empire League championship title. Athletic distinction continued for Robert at Fullerton College, where he was selected All-Mission Conference in both 1989 and 1990, 1st team All-State Junior College tight end and 2nd team All-American in 1990. He was also named a “Man of Distinction” at Fullerton. At the University of Pittsburgh from 1991-1992, Robert earned All-Big East honors. After graduation from Pitt, Robert spent four years playing professional football, both for the Miami Dolphins ('93-'94) and for the Buffalo Bills ('95-'97). In 1996, he was named Special Teams Player of the Game. One of the most challenges moments in his athletic career came after his senior year at the University of Pittsburgh when a coach told him that he was not good enough to play in the NFL. Robert took that as a challenge, and it pushed him that much harder to make it to the next level. One of his greatest memories and achievements as a professional athlete was when he caught a pass from Hall of Fame quarterback Jim Kelly in the Meadowlands against the NY Jets. Robert’s heroes are his parents, Larry and Narissa. “My dad taught me that nothing in life is free and that

you have to work for it everyday. My mom taught me the importance of family and the meaning of perseverance.” Robert is married to Holly, and they have three daughters Skylar, Kylie, and Scarlett. Since 2004, he has been a member of the Torrance Fire Department and serves as a fireman/paramedic.

Chris Dressel

Class of 1979

Inducted in 1998

In 1979 Chris Dressel was named both the El Dorado Athlete of the Year and the Orange County Athlete of the Year. That just begins to describe his athletic talent! In his time at El Dorado - 1975-1979 - Chris competed in three sports - football, basketball, and track - all four years. In each sport, he earned league and CIF honors. He remembers putting in a full-court shot to beat Valencia in overtime in basketball and also watching Kevin Heenan and company at the Sports Arena winning the CIF title twice. In his senior year he was the LA Times Lineman of the Year. After high school Chris attended Stanford University where he earned a degree in Sociology. As a three-year starter at tight end for the Cardinal, Chris continued his success. In 1982 he was named first-team All-PAC10. For ten years he played in the NFL: from 1983-1987 he was a Houston Oiler. He then moved to Cleveland, then Kansas City. In 1989 he began four years with the New York Jets, and in 1992 he completed his career as a San Francisco 49er. One athletic highlight he named happened during his senior year in college when he had a career day as his Stanford team beat University of Washington (ranked #1 at the time). Glen Hastings was his most influential high school coach; Glen's leadership, coaching and communication were unparalleled. Chris, like many others, appreciates his parents for showing him the right and wrong of life and that athletic success is mostly dedication and hard work. His hero?? Barney! “Anyone who can entertain kids and make millions of dollars has my vote!” He feels that sports, done soundly, can be the perfect lead into all of life's situations. Chris is now involved in real estate in San Francisco. He and his wife, Liz, recently built a new house in Woodside, where they live with their two little girls, Julia (3) and Morgan (1). He enjoys golf, walking, hiking, and biking.

Ken Dressel

Class of 1976

Inducted in 1998

Ken attended El Dorado from 1973 to 1976 and in his career participated in football, basketball, track, and tennis! In football both his junior and senior year he received All-League and All-County honors. He was an All-CIF choice his senior year. Following high school, Ken attended the United States Air Force Academy and graduated in 1980 with a degree in Engineering Science. That same day he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Air Force. Ken attended undergraduate pilot training and earned his wings in 1982. A T-38 instructor for four years at Williams AFB in Arizona, he completed F-16 training and served in Ramstein, Germany, from 1987-1990. After a return to the US as an instructor pilot, Ken and his family returned to Ramstein and

remained until 1997. For the past year, Mountain Home AFB in Idaho has been home, but just recently he has been sent to Columbus AFB in Mississippi where he is working toward the position of Squadron Commander of the 49 Flying Training Squadron. A special memory from high school is a game his sophomore year - an undefeated season for the Golden Hawks - played in the mud. The mud was washed off by diving in the swimming pool after the game. Ken remembers Carl Sweet, Guy Manino, and Joe Jacobs as coaches who made football fun!! He also credits his mom and dad for allowing him to make his own decisions about sports and for supporting him 100%. Ken's faith in Jesus Christ is also very important, and he thanks God for the opportunities he has been given. Kenny and his wife Robin have three children, Ken (14), Brittney (10), and Kaytelyn (8). His advice to El Dorado students: "Maintain respect! First respect what God in Heaven has done for you . . . respect yourself, don't ever think you've "arrived", always do your best . . . finally respect the others that God puts in your life - they all have a part in who you are."

Greg Ernst

Class of 1978

Inducted in 2003

Greg came to El Dorado as a member of a most talented and dedicated family of student-athletes; in his high school career he distinguished himself nationally in pole-vaulting while excelling academically as well. In 1978 Greg was named to the high school track and field All-America Team in the pole vault. He finished second in the California State Meet that year. He also broke the Orange League record in the event while setting a new record for Orange County - an amazing 16'6". Greg was Orange League champion in the pole vault in both his junior and senior seasons. He also was a member of the league champion mile relay team that set a school record. Further demonstrating his versatility in track and field, he set the El Dorado 100-yard dash record. For his many achievements, he was named the Golden Hawk Senior Athlete of the Year. He also was selected to represent to the USA Junior Track and Field team that competed in Russia and Germany. Greg continued to excel after graduation. He enrolled at Washington State University where he set the school record for indoor pole vaulting and was named to the NCAA All-America team in 1981. Greg graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 3.96 GPA and was given an NCAA post-graduate scholarship. He joined the Army in 1982 and then the Navy in 1988 where he currently holds the rank of Commander. He holds a PhD in Sports Medicine/Education and serves as department head of the Navy's largest physical therapy department. His memories of El Dorado are of his friends and family, which supported both he and his brothers, and also for the faculty and staff. Teachers like Connie Grosse, Jack Woy and Ken Pence along with coaches such as Don Chadez and Glen Hastings who went above and beyond to educate, motivate and encourage students at EDHS. He believes that "It is not the records and victories that made those years a success, but it was being part of something." His advice for students today: "Be active and involved!" Greg has been married for 19 years to Jordis and has two teen-age sons, Paul and Kyle.

Ken Ernst

Class of 1979

Inducted in 2011

This year Ken Ernst joins his father Ray and his brother Greg in the Golden Hawk Hall of Fame. And, like Greg, we recognize Ken for his tremendous accomplishments in the area of cross country and track. A varsity letterman in both sports for all four years in high school, Ken broke no less than twenty-four school and course records during his four years high school career. A member of the seven-member All-County cross country team for all four years, he was also named the Dr. Pepper Orange League Player of the Year in 1978. As a senior Ken was league champion in both the mile and two-mile, and in fact was named the 1979 Top 2 Miler in Orange County. Ken placed 2nd in CIF in the two-mile and competed in both the cross country and track California State championships that same year – and finished 6th in the state in the 2-mile. After winning the league championship mile, he recalls that his father met him after his race and passed an old medal to him through the fence. When Ken read it, he saw “1956 League Championship – 1 mile run – 1st place”. At that moment he learned that he was a second-generation mile champion! “Twenty-nine years later, with my father in the stands, I had the honor of handing his medal, and my own, through the fence to my daughter when she herself became the frosh-soph one-mile league champion! After El Dorado Ken went to UCLA where he ran in the NCAA cross country championships as a freshman. He earned a B.A. in Economics and works as a financial consultant. Ken and his wife Adrienne have three children – Clayton, Blake and Chelsea. Ken credits the investment of time and devotion of Coach Don Chadez for much of his success. He says that the lessons he learned of goal-setting, work ethic, and perseverance (as well as having fun) continue to serve him well. Ken is running again and has been competing in Master’s meets for about 10 years. He has been a part of three national championships as a member of his club cross country team! And in August 2011 he competed in the Road Mile championships and earned third place. His advice for today’s student-athletes is this: before the responsibilities of adulthood set in, NOW is the time to truly test yourself through athletics and academics. There is a winner within all of us. Find it. Dedicate yourself to it!

Janet Evans

Class of 1989

Inducted in 2000

Janet was a four-time CIF champion in swimming for El Dorado from 1986-1989. However, those swim titles just begin to tell her incredible story. The American public discovered her as the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Korea approached. She emerged as one of America’s best swimmers setting numerous American and World records in the US qualifying meets and in the Olympics itself. In 1987, she set two world records at the US outdoor national championships in the 800 and 1500-meter freestyle races. She broke her own record in the 1500-meter race in 1988 at the US indoor

championships. Janet won three gold medals in the Seoul Olympics by winning the 400 and 800-meter freestyle races and the 400-meter medley race. She was the world's best long-distance freestyle swimmer whose unique swim-style, character and personality captured the hearts of the public. In 1989, the AAU awarded her the prestigious James E. Sullivan Award as the outstanding amateur athlete in the United States. Following her high school graduation, Janet attended Stanford University and the University of Southern California where her swim successes continued. She won both the 500 and 1650-yard freestyle races at the NCAA championships in 1990 and 1991. Janet won another two medals in the Barcelona Olympics in 1992, capturing gold in the 800 and silver in the 400 free. She competed in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and the US Olympic Committee honored her with her running with the Olympic torch during the opening ceremonies. The world records in three freestyle distances (400, 800 and 1500 meters) still belong to Janet Evans. The Olympic record in the 400-meter freestyle is also hers, a record that was set more than a decade ago. Janet lives in Los Angeles where she works in Public Relations as a speaker and representative for several companies along with the US Olympic Committee.

Mike Fleming

Class of 1973

Inducted in 2003

From the year that El Dorado High School first opened its doors, one trademark of athletic success has been the Golden Hawk wrestling program. In fact the first CIF champion medal ever won by an EDHS athlete was by wrestler Mike Fleming. He was one of the toughest competitors in El Dorado wrestling history. He was one of the members of the 7th grade class that opened our school and by the time he was a senior, Mike was recognized as one of the best high school wrestlers in the nation. He won his weight championship at the first-ever California State Championships in 1973. Along with winning that State title, Mike won the CIF-SS championship and was named the "Wrestler of the Meet" as he pinned all but one opponent on the way to the title. Mike was selected to the all-Orange County team in both his junior and senior seasons. He was named Orange County Wrestler of the year in 1973 as a senior. That year he also competed in the High School National Championships in Iowa City finishing 4th in Greco-Roman and 5th in Freestyle. He continued his wrestling career at Fullerton JC and won the State championship in 1975. He also won the Junior World National title in 1975. For his efforts, Mike was a Junior College All-America team selection in 1975. Mike attended UCLA and his success continued. He won two Collegiate State titles and the Pac-8 title as a junior. He also qualified for the World Championships in Greco-Roman and finished in the top-ten. Mike is grateful to men like Chuck Smith, Bob Stolo, Tom Byrnes, Glen Hastings and Bill Clark for being good role models and teaching him the skills necessary for success. A very well-liked student-athlete, Mike was known for his tenacity in all aspects of life. Setting goals that were very high were a Fleming trademark, but, he said that "It was when I learned that I only had to be the best that I could be, that success as a person started..." The Fleming family includes wife Jessie and two children (with a third on the way) Joshua and Hallie.

Sean Foy

Class of 1982

Inducted in 2011

Sean Foy describes his time at El Dorado High School this way, “The greatest memories I have of my time at El Dorado are not necessarily a particular game or a particular year, but rather the memory of the TRADITION. A tradition of discipline, a tradition of dedication, a tradition of courage ... a tradition of being a real Champion!” That certainly describes the level of talent, strength, and commitment that Sean brought to his Golden Hawk track and football teammates. In both his junior and senior years, he served as varsity football team captain and was named 1st Team All-League and All-County. As a senior he earned the LA Times Lineman of the Year award. His gridiron play was fearless, powerful, dominating, and inspirational. After graduating from El Dorado, Sean played football for the Cal State Fullerton Titans, and after college to travel to Turku, Finland, to play professional football there. At CSUF, in both 1985 and 1986, he was team captain, honorable mention All-American, 1st Team All-PCAA conference, and Defensive Lineman of the Year. Sean tells us that his proudest athletic achievement was receiving the Dr. Hayden Award in college as the graduating player with the highest GPA. After a season-ending knee injury in a game against Boise State, he had faced an uncertain future. He tells us that he found a new path and a new interest in intellectual and spiritual discovery. He learned that he could achieve great things in the classroom as well as on the football field; he earned a B.S. in Exercise Physiology. Ultimately, Sean gives credit for his successes in life to Jesus Christ. While going through graduate school and working as a personal trainer, Sean founded a corporate health and fitness business – Personal Wellness Corporation. He has written several books – most recently, The 10-Minute Total Body Breakthrough, and is an enthusiastic advocate for physical fitness. He and wife Joanne are the parents of two student-athletes, Joel (17) and Brooke (15); the family is actively involved in Yorba Linda Friends Church. He thanks Golden Hawk coaches Mel Morales, Lance Gross, Joe Jacobs, Carl Sweet, Steve Gullotti, Steve Leavitt and Terry Conley for their impact on his life. Sean is also very grateful to his loving wife and family for their belief in him. His coaches, friends and teammates always gave him hope!

Kristine Glomboske Sanders

Class of 1986

Inducted in 2011

Kristine Glomboske epitomized the highly accomplished, well-rounded, multisport athlete during her time as a Golden Hawk. For three years she was the #1 singles player on the varsity tennis team, for four years she was a starter on the varsity soccer team, and during her junior and senior years she was a varsity softball athlete as well. In each sport, in every season, she was named All-League – her senior year she was named All-Orange County for her prowess on the softball field. She led the team in batting average and was awarded the Silver Bat award. After her senior year she was

chosen to represent our school and our country in a softball tournament in China. “Tiny”, as we always knew her, says it was an experience of a lifetime. Fiercely competitive and cheerful on and off the field, she was granted a full-tuition athletic scholarship to Cal State Fullerton to play softball for four years, and when she completed her college education she had also earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice. She names her parents her heroes in life – growing up, her dad was always her coach and her mom was always the team manager or ‘team mom’. She thanks them for their encouragement – and for never missing a game! In 1987 Kristine was selected 1st team All-American for American Softball Association women’s major fast pitch league – she was a catcher on the California Raiders. She remembers math teacher Jack Woy affectionately – on the last day of high school she told Mr. Woy that she would come back to EDHS and visit him once a week during her freshman year in college. He responded skeptically – “All students say they will visit and most never do!” She kept her promise and went back to visit Mr. Woy every week, talking with him about her college adventures. The last week she went to see him, he handed her a plaque that read, “TINY: The World’s Best Keeper of Her Promise.” She still has that plaque in her office today! Having spent some time working for the OC Probation Department as a Juvenile Correctional Officer, Kristine now enjoys life with her husband Steve and stepsons Blaine (26) and Jeff (24), along with four dogs, four cats and a horse named Buddy in Norco. She tells today’s student athletes to stay focused and give 100% effort, knowing that the dedication pays off.

Alan Gresham

Class of 1980

Inducted in 2003

As one of the most successful aquatics athletes in El Dorado High School history, Alan Gresham won numerous awards during his days as a Golden Hawk. His natural physical talent, intensity and competitive drive were responsible for many aquatics victories. His first water polo recognition came in 1972 when he was chosen captain of the USA Junior National Team. In high school he was a four-time all-Orange League selection in water polo. He was selected as the league MVP as a senior. Alan was also named all-CIF three times, winning the CIF MVP award as a senior. He was picked to the all-America team as a junior *and* as a senior. In swimming, Gresham was all-League three times (He graduated early!) and named all-CIF twice. He made the all-America team as part of a relay team while a sophomore. After graduation, Alan attended the University of California at Berkeley where he was a two-time NCAA water polo tournament MVP as the Golden Bears won the NCAA title. He was a 4-time all-America water polo selection while at Cal. His dominance as a university-level water polo player resulted in his being named the 1984 Pac-10 *and* NCAA player of the year. His success in swimming resulted in two all-America team awards. He won the Pac-10 50-yard Freestyle race in 1983. Alan played for numerous USA National teams from 1981 to 1986. As advice, Gresham states: “regardless of how great you are in sports, don’t let your education take a back seat. Once your sports days are done, you only have memories. Once your school days are done, you will always retain the knowledge and intelligence.” Alan remembers teachers Jack Woy, Connie Grosse and

Bill Wright for their ability to make learning enjoyable. He has very special memories of the time he played for Coach Walt Druff, from the age of 8 to 18. In his athletic career, Alan has demonstrated courage, and the ability to come back in the face of challenge and adversity. He tells us that he appreciates both the triumphs and the struggles in life. Alan is married to Marie and they have three children, Jennifer (21), Jamey (19) and Alexandra (3).

Kevin Heenan

Class of 1975

Inducted in 1998

In his career at El Dorado between the years of 1971 and 1975, no one surpassed Kevin in his contributions to the El Dorado basketball program. Both his junior and senior years, he was named All-League and All-CIF. For those same two years, the Golden Hawks were CIF champions and in his senior year he was the CIF Player of the Year. His tremendous achievements and talent in basketball took him to Cal State Fullerton where he was a four-year starter and four-year co-captain. During his tenure as a Titan, Cal State earned two conference championships. He graduated from Cal State with a B.S. in physical education. In 1979 he was the 10th-round pick of the Golden State Warriors; for three years he played basketball with Athlete in Action in Europe. He has distinct memories of being a member of two CIF championship basketball teams; he still appreciates the impact that his coach Nash Rivera has had on his life. El Dorado's very successful basketball program stands out in his mind, and he learned many life lessons about setting and attaining goals from Coach Rivera as well as Larry Hoekman, Terry Conley, Iran Novick, Joe Walton, and Joe Raya. He names his wife Debbie, his parents, and Nash as his heroes . . . they have had great impacts on his life. Kevin believes that the Lord has blessed him richly and he is grateful that he has a God who loves him and watches out for him and his family. During his junior year in college he was challenged both by the death of his father and also a serious eye injury. After Kevin had to miss a month of the season, his team missed advancing to the NCAA Final Four by one point! Kevin and Debbie have four children – Ryan (13), Dennis (10), Jamie (8), and Kelly (6). These days Kevin is a real estate broker, is active in his church and in community sports teams. In addition to coaching, he enjoys cooking and reading. The Heenans live in Costa Mesa.

Howard Lawson

Class of 1981

Inducted in 1998

The name Lawson evokes memories of great achievement in the wrestling program at El Dorado. Howard is the eldest of three very accomplished brothers! In each of his four years as a Golden Hawk he was a varsity wrestler, and for each of those four years he was a league champion. Remarkably, as both a junior and a senior he was CIF and California State champion as well. After high school Howard's wrestling mastery took him to Cal Poly SLO and then to Cal State Bakersfield where, in 1985, he placed second in the NCAA Division II National Championship meet. Howard was named Cal

State Bakersfield's MVP that same year. To this day, Howard is still actively involved in wrestling as both a coach and a participant. The late Dave Schultz is his hero, and he says that he will always be grateful for Frank Gonzales who was there to help him every step of the way. In fact he says that most things in life are easy compared to EDHS wrestling practices! His gives his parents and coaches (as well as all the teammates who pushed him to excel) for his athletic and personal success. Like others of our inductees, there was always something inside of him, Howard says, that pushed him to victory. He remembers the amazing parent and booster support enjoyed by his El Dorado teams, and he says that he will never forget the moment of victory in his second state championship match. The times of greatest challenge for him were when injuries (especially related to his two knees!) prevented him from competing. Today Howard and his wife Tiffany live in Arizona with their three children, Justin (8), Travis (7) and Haley (4). He is the sales manager for Sunland Memorial Park in Sun City and has been employed by Service Corporation Intl. since 1989. His new love is fishing - last July he caught an eight-pound tarpon in Costa Rica. Howard advises student-athletes to keep setting goals.

Scott Lawson

Class of 1982

Inducted in 2003

This year Scott Lawson joins his brothers, Howard and Steve, in the Golden Hawk Athletic Hall of Fame. Though we honor him for his many achievements that came while he was in high school, Scott tells us that a key event in his career happened on July 25, 1970 - he was five years old when he wrestled in his first tournament. The gold medal that he won that day is in his top dresser drawer, and without that success, he says, he may not have been inspired to pursue his athletic career. At El Dorado Scott was the 1982 CIF-SS and State champion wrestler in his weight class. He was a four-year varsity performer. His winning match in the 1982 state tournament gave the Golden Hawks the State Championship in one of the most exciting athletic moments in EDHS history. Scott also was a two-time Empire League champion. He was named Most Outstanding wrestler at the 1982 CIF-SS meet. In 1982, he was selected as El Dorado's Athlete of the Year. Scott always wrestled with great courage, strength and intensity. After graduation, he attended Cal State Fullerton, eventually graduating with a degree in kinesiology and earning the Titans' award as Most Outstanding Wrestler in 1983. After working in the restaurant and transportation industries, Scott returned to college and earned a teaching credential. Currently he is working toward a Master's degree in Special Education. He now teaches special education and coaches wrestling at Torrance High School. Scott credits three of his EDHS coaches, Frank Gonzales, Steve Hyams and Jeff Roberts for his success. His hero is his father, Howard. The sacrifices and commitment made by his parents are greatly appreciated. He believes that "In athletics and life, set goals for yourself and you can achieve anything that you desire." His athletic success is a combination of hard work, dedicated coaches and parents, and a competitive family. Personal success and stability are attributed to his wife's influence. His best friends are the same people as they were at EDHS. Scott and his wife Jill have three children: Justin (14), Marissa (10) and Dillon (8).

Steve Lawson

Class of 1986

Inducted in 2000

As the third member of the Lawson family to wrestle for El Dorado, Steve followed his brother's successes by winning the California State Championship in 1986. He was a four-year letterman for the Golden Hawks, and a three-time CIF and Masters Meet champion. He literally dominated his opponents! Steve was named a high school all-American as a senior and was a National Champion as a sophomore. In 1985 he finished third in the state and was National runner-up. During his senior year the Hawks finished second in the state with three wrestlers reaching the finals. He was named Orange County and CIF Wrestler of the Year. After high school he joined the US Army where he continued his amazing career. He won two National titles and was the US Armed Forces Champion. Cal State Bakersfield was his next stop. In 1989, Lawson won the US Open by pinning the Olympic Champion from the Soviet Union while the crowd rooted for him chanting "USA! USA!" Steve won the bronze medal at the Pan American Games and a silver medal at the US Olympic Festival. In 1991 he fulfilled his goal of becoming a high school teacher and coach. He taught in Oakland and Florida before coming back to El Dorado two years ago as head wrestling coach and PE teacher. He also serves as a USA developmental coach. Steve credits his high school coach at El Dorado, Frank Gonzales, for his success. "Frank was the greatest high school coach in America. I want to be like Frank. Since I was 12 years old, I knew I wanted to be a wrestling coach and teacher just like him." His biggest hero is his father. His dad always put "family first." "Raising the three Lawson boys couldn't have been easy for him." He advises "Be a dreamer and a believer!" Steve and his wife Shan, who also teaches at El Dorado, and their two children, Gress and Chloe live in Placentia.

Brian Loyd

Class of 1992

Inducted in 2018

A natural athlete, a natural leader, the quintessential catcher, Brian Loyd. As a Golden Hawk, Brian not only distinguished himself as an exceptional member of the varsity baseball team, but for three years, he was an outstanding basketball player as well. Tonight we honor especially his baseball achievements and his example as a tough-minded, coachable, tenacious, intelligent, quietly confident athlete and teammate. Coach Steve Gullotti credits him as 'the rock', the anchor on the team. Selected All-County and All-CIF his senior year in 1992, Brian helped lead the Golden Hawks to Southern Section CIF semi-final finishes in both 1991 and 1992. He remembers an upset win over Mater Dei and epic battles against Diamond Bar during those years. Current Golden Hawk varsity coach Matt Lucas credits Brian for setting a standard in catching that, for years, inspired players that followed him. As a result of his achievements at El Dorado, Brian earned a prestigious baseball scholarship to Cal State Fullerton. He excelled again for four years as the Titan catcher. In 1995 and 1996 Brian was named an All American, and in 1995 he was selected MVP of the Big West Conference tournament. He has the distinction of being a member of Cal State's 1995 College World Series championship team. The Titans, with Brian as one of the offensive

leaders in the tournament, became the first-ever No.1 seed to win the College World Series that year, defeating USC, 11-5, in the title game. Interviewed by the Orange County Register in 2015 in a retrospective about the 1995 Titans, Brian said, "We were a bunch of nobodies coming off of the '94 season going into '95. However, we were not going to be beat. We prepared ... we just knew that we were going to win." From Coach Augie Garrido, Brian learned that baseball reflects life; both require your best effort and it is about building relationships with people. Brian was selected to the USA baseball team in 1995, and in 1996, he earned a Bronze Medal in the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Brian graduated from CSUF with a B.S. in Kinesiology. Following his college career, he was drafted by the San Diego Padres and then went on to play AAA baseball in the Toronto Blue Jays and Boston Red Sox organizations as well. Brian encourages and challenges student-athletes to establish a good work ethic in all aspects of life. Brian and his wife Leah have 3 children, Ainsley (13), Dean (11), and Beau (8).

Matt Luke

Class of 1989

Inducted in 2000

Matt came to El Dorado as a sophomore and established himself as one of the Golden Hawks all-time best all-around athletes. Matt was a true three-sport star at El Dorado as a senior in 1989. He played football, basketball and baseball, and was named all-Empire League in football, all-CIF and all-county in basketball, and all-CIF in baseball after helping the Hawks to a CIF title at Dodger Stadium. For his accomplishments, Matt was named Athlete of the Year in 1989. He continued his career in baseball at UC Berkeley, where he was named to the all-Pac10 team and to all-America teams both as a sophomore and junior. He set a season hits record for Cal; the Bears advanced to the College World Series his last season. Matt left Cal after the New York Yankees drafted him in 1992. He debuted with the major league team in 1996. Matt signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1998, which was "a dream come true", with the Angels and then with the Brewers. A special high school memory was winning the CIF title at Dodger Stadium, completing a season with some of the most dedicated guys he ever played with. Matt credits Carl Sweet for teaching him the game of football, Steve Gullotti for progressing his baseball skills, Wayne Carlson, Steve Leavitt and Charles Titus. Matt's heroes are his mom and dad, Terry and Vicki, for teaching the importance of love of family. His father taught him that there is no substitute for hard work. Matt's brothers Scott and Josh and his sister Wendee taught him about friendship and to protect those you love. He advises, "Believe in your abilities and be proud and confident of the qualities that are unique to you." Matt and his wife of three years Tara reside in Placentia. Away from baseball, Matt is involved with Children's Hospital of OC and the Nevus Outreach Organization. He was named as the recipient of the 1999 CHOC Heroes of the Heart award.

Tony Madau

Class of 1972

Inducted in 1998

Tony Madau's athletic achievements during his time at El Dorado (1967-1972) almost defy logic! He has the distinction of being a three-sport letterman as a freshman and a sophomore and a four-sport letterman both his junior and senior years! His accomplishments took him from the football field to the basketball court to the baseball diamond to the track. During his senior year he earned All-League and All-County honors in every sport! He was All-CIF in both basketball and baseball. He was Orange League and Orange County high jump champion. That same year, 1972, he was the runner-up in the California State high jump competition. El Dorado Athlete of the Year and Orange County Athlete of the Year as a senior, Tony went on to Fullerton College, Cal State Fullerton, and University of Nevada, Reno. At both Fullerton and Cal State, he set school records in high jump. In 1976 Tony was the Nevada high jump state champion, and the next fall he was selected Best Athlete for Nevada-Reno football. He spent two seasons in professional football, with the Chicago Bears and the New York Jets. His fondest memory at El Dorado is when he was the guest of honor at a school assembly - it was called "Tony Madau - This is Your Life". Glen Hastings once told Tony that if you pursue each and every one of your dreams as a competitive challenge, there are no goals in life you can't conquer. Tony has lived by this motto - to him Glen was a visionary and beautiful human being. Tony's hero is his dad; he thanks his mom for his success as she worked hard to keep him clothed and fed. He also credits his best friend Steve DeBerg with helping through the challenge of leaving his competitive athletics days behind. Tony and his wife Cindra have two daughters -Erica (9) and Paris (5). He works as a sales manager for Pepsi-Cola. The Madau family lives in Reno, Nevada.

Brian Malich

Class of 1997

Inducted in 2011

In the fall of his sophomore year, Brian Malich came to El Dorado, having recently moved with his family from Indiana. In three years as a Golden Hawk he established himself as a premier freestyle sprinter. In the spring of 1997 he set school records in both the 50- and 100-free ... those remarkable records still stand today as the best ever posted for our school. Brian distinguished himself as a fearless competitor, a disciplined trainer, and remarkable champion! Following high school graduation, Brian enrolled at the Ohio State University on an athletic scholarship and continued his record-breaking ways! He was selected the Most Outstanding Freshman swimmer in 1998, and earned the Mike Peppe Award as the Most Valuable Athlete in 1999, 2000, and 2001. Named three times an NCAA All-American, Brian served as swim team captain both his junior and senior years. He was Big Ten Champion in the 100-yard freestyle three years (He tells us, "Winning the 100 free at Big 10's my freshman year was pretty exciting, but re-winning that title my junior year was a very

rewarding comeback. By the time his swimming career at Ohio State had concluded, he was the school record holder in no fewer than twelve events! Brian was also a very fine student; he completed a B.S. degree in Financial Management and went on to earn an M.B.A. from Rollins College. Today he and his wife live in Florida and raise four young children: Dominic (5), Alexander (3), Rebecca (2), and Christopher (9 months). Brian works as a Preconstruction Manager for Wharton-Smith Construction Group. He loves spending time with his family outdoors. He enjoys all types of home improvement projects. One evening Brian clearly remembers from high school happened during his senior year - the El Dorado prom was on the same night as CIF finals. He and his teammates spent the evening racing, warming down for a little while, and then jumping into tuxedos in the locker room in order to get to the dance! Brian advises high school student-athletes today to make sure they give each day, each race their all – “Don’t allow any room for regrets!” He thanks Michael Ashe and his club swim coach Nancy Windisch for developing his ‘hidden talents’, and Mike Oberle for challenging him to learn!

Jill Matyuch

Class of 1986

Inducted in 1998

Our only female inductee in the 1998 Hall of Fame, Jill was the consummate multisport athlete during her 1982-1986 career at El Dorado. She competed in three sports: volleyball, basketball, and softball. In each, she was named All-League, and in basketball and softball, she received All-CIF recognition as well. Her senior year she was the Empire League basketball MVP. After graduation Jill attended Cal State Fullerton where she earned both Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in communications and public relations. At the same time she continued competing in both basketball and softball at the university level. She was twice named CSUF Student-Athlete of the Year, and she was given both All-Big West and All-West Region softball honors. She has participated in five U.S. Olympic Festivals - two in softball and three in team handball. She is a member of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association; in fact, she coached in the 1997 inaugural season of women’s pro-fastpitch with the Carolina Diamonds. In recent years Jill has been both a high school and a college coach, and she has returned to El Dorado in 1998 as a social science teacher. She remembers Tracy Brennan (now principal at Cypress High School) as the EDHS coach primarily responsible for encouraging her collegiate athletic career. She credits her parents for her success -they provided her with every opportunity to be successful and modeled hard work and integrity. She looks back on the 1989 Olympic Festival as a very special achievement; she had the chance to play with some of the world’s best softball players. Her advice to current high school athletes is to “set reasonable goals and develop a way to attain them, knowing they probably won’t be achieved alone. Cherish the people who help you pursue them and mostly enjoy the process.” Jill lives in San Dimas and enjoys golf, slowpitch softball, and Nintendo!

Mike Moore

Class of 1973

Inducted in 2003

Mike Moore is one of those special individuals that actually began his education at El Dorado when he was in 7th grade! During his career as Golden Hawk he achieved great success in three sports: water polo, football and basketball, and in many ways set a remarkable standard as a multisport athlete. Mike was an all-American water polo player in 1971 but gave up the sport to concentrate on quarterbacking the varsity football team. He played three years of varsity football and basketball. In basketball, Mike led the Hawks' charge to the CIF finals in 1972 and to a #1 ranking in 1973. He was twice named Orange League Player of the Year and twice named first-team all-CIF. His leadership skills and athletic prowess continued to bring him success in two years of basketball at Fullerton Junior College where he was team captain in 1974. After earning his teaching credential, Mike returned to the area as a teacher and coach at Esperanza High School, where he still teaches. He has been selected the Aztec Teacher of the Year three times. His colleagues recognize him to be in a class by himself when it comes to teaching. Consistently he has been recognized by his peers and students as a great communicator, a caring person and one that changes lives through the lessons he teaches every day. In recent years he has become a well-respected mentor to new teachers. Moore's coaching career for the Aztecs spans twenty years and five sports: basketball, soccer, baseball, water polo and swimming. He was named Orange County basketball Coach of the Year in 1982. His memories of El Dorado include the playoff victories that led to El Dorado's first-ever trip to the CIF finals in basketball at the LA Sports Arena. He credits many of his former teachers and coaches at EDHS for influencing his life, but, his biggest praise is for his mom, Diane, for her strong foundation of morals, ethics and values and his wife, Kim, for her love and support of 35 years. He also credits Nash Rivera for the many lessons on life and Joe Raya for his dedication to EDHS and its athletes. Mike is married to Kim and has two children, Bryan (25) and Shannon (23).

John Mykkanen

Class of 1984

Inducted in 1998

The 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles featured one El Dorado High School graduate - that one was John Mykkanen. In John's career at El Dorado (from 1980 - 1984) he received the Most Valuable swimmer award each of his four years. His excellence in long-distance swimming was recognized by many - he placed in the CIF championship meet each year in high school. As a junior, he placed second in CIF in the 500-yard freestyle; his time was second best in the nation. Later that junior year, he broke the National High School record for the 500. As a senior he won both the CIF 200-free and 500-free. He continued his swimming career at the University of California, Berkeley where he earned a degree in Social Science. In 1986, he earned medals in the NCAA

championships in the 500-free and in the 1650-free. John was a member of the US National team from 1982-1987, he held the American record in the 800-meter free from 1984-1987. In 1984 he was National Champion in both the 800 and 1500 meter races. As a part of the 1984 US Olympic team, John earned his most coveted award, a silver medal in the 400-meter free. His Olympic medal has so much meaning, as he says, because the games only come around once every four years. "Making the United States team is the hard part." John remembers his coach Tom Milich as someone who kept everything in its proper perspective. He is appreciative of several good coaches and a supportive family. After graduating from UC Berkeley, John attended Palmer College of Chiropractic and is today a practicing chiropractic in southern California. He advises today's student-athletes to "have concrete and attainable goals". He and his wife Joanna have a brand new baby daughter Courtney; they currently live in Placentia. These days John enjoys swimming and fly fishing.

Ty Pembleton

Class of 1983

Inducted in 2018

In its fifty-year history, El Dorado High School has distinguished itself as a school of excellence and achievement in many ways. One measure of its incredible athletic legacy is the success over the years of the Golden Hawk wrestling program. Hanging in the Joe Raya Gym are banners honoring eight individual California State CIF champions, along with a banner celebrating El Dorado's California State team title in 1982. One of those state champions - also a member of the state title team - is Ty Pembleton. Described by Coach Frank Gonzales as a one-of-a-kind ferocious competitor, Ty's wrestling career began his freshman year in high school. In just three short years, during his junior wrestling season, he qualified for and placed fourth in the state tournament, competing against athletes with many more years of experience on the wrestling mat than he. Ty's performance at the California state tournament that year exceeded all expectations, and along with those of several Golden Hawk teammates, El Dorado secured the first place team finish in 1982. Coach Gonzales tells us that he remembers during practice sessions or workouts, Ty would sometimes be outwrestled by a number of his teammates (even some in lower weight classes), but when Ty went out on the mat for competition, he turned into a Superman. "You would have to pretty much kill him to beat him." Strong, focused, relentless. Twice an Empire League wrestling champion, in both 1982 and 1983, he finished second in the Southern Section CIF championship tournament his senior year. That same year he returned to the California State CIF tournament and won, in the 200-pound weight class, the championship title. Quiet and reserved by nature, Ty has always had very high expectations for himself both athletically and academically; his teachers remember him as humble, diligent, thoughtful and tenacious. Ty advises student athletes to take their studies seriously, to make the most of every opportunity they have to learn and to train. He credits both Coach Gonzales and Coach Steve Hyams, along with his leaders and excursions in the El Dorado High School ROTC unit, for a memorable high school experience and career. Following high school graduation, Ty attended Cal State Fullerton, and wrestled for the Titans for one year, before moving to Australia with his family. An Aussie to this day, he is actively involved with the Bridge Church in

Melbourne. He loves going to the gym, bush walking (hiking), snorkeling, scuba diving, and hanging out with his friends and family.

Phil Nevin

Class of 1989

Inducted in 2000

Phil distinguished himself in two sports during each of his four years (1985-1989) at El Dorado. His contributions on the football and baseball fields culminated in his being named all-Empire League, all-CIF and all-Orange County in both sports his senior year. His 57-yard field goal set an Orange County record that stood until 1999. His contributions as a shortstop helped lead the Hawks to the Division 5A CIF baseball title at Dodger Stadium. Drafted by the Dodgers in the third round out of high school, Phil passed up a large bonus to continue his football and baseball careers at Cal State Fullerton. He played three years of football for the Titans as a kicker while leading the baseball team to post-season NCAA play. Cal State finished second in the College World Series in 1992; Phil was named MVP of the Series. More honors followed that season. As the nation's top baseball player he was named winner of the Golden Spikes Award. The Houston Astros selected him with the first pick of the major league draft. He made the Astros roster in 1995 and played with the Astros and then the Detroit Tigers before being traded to his hometown Angels in 1998. Traded to San Diego's Padres in 1999, he became the starting third baseman in mid-1999 and has led the Padres in home runs and runs batted in ever since. Phil hit over .300 this season with more than 30 homers and 100 runs batted in. He was chosen to travel to Japan with the Major League All-Stars. Coaches Carl Sweet and Steve Gullotti were key in his athletic growth at EDHS. Phil gives all the credit for his success to his dad (who was his coach!) and mom who have supported him at every game! His advice to youngsters is to "Never give up on your goals and never say you can't or believe anyone who tells you that you can't." Phil lives in San Diego with his wife, Kristin. He has two children, Koral (10) and Tyler (3).

Dan Petry

Class of 1976

Inducted in 1998

In 1976 El Dorado won its first CIF baseball championship, and Dan Petry deserves much of the credit for that achievement. A three-year member of the varsity baseball team at El Dorado, during his 1973-1976 career, Dan earned All-League, All-County, and All-CIF honors in the process. His ability to be a dominant pitcher was well-recognized among his teammates and opponents alike. He still has many clear memories of the 1976 CIF championship season; he and many of his teammates still remain in touch after all this time. After high school, Dan's baseball career took him to the major leagues. He spent from 1979-1987 with the Detroit Tigers, and during that tenure he was both an American League All-Star in 1985 and a member of the 1984 World Championship team. In 1988 he came "home" to the California Angels, then

returned to the Detroit Tigers before finishing his career with the Atlanta Braves and the Boston Red Sox in 1991. Dan says that being traded to Atlanta after his second stint with Detroit was perhaps the most challenging time of his career. He identifies all of his coaches, particularly Tim Terrell, for his success at EDHS. His hero is Nolan Ryan, and along with his parents, Jim Leyland and Sparky Anderson have been key to his success. Dan thinks that having a street in Placentia named after him was a great honor, and when reminiscing about high school, he says that the solitude of El Dorado late in the afternoon after a full day of school and practice is memorable. He advises current students: "Professional sports are such a short part of your life, even if you're lucky enough to make a lot of money and play 10-20 years. You still have the rest of your life to make a lasting contribution to society. Continue your education." Dan, his wife Christine, and their two sons Matt (12) and Jeff (10) live in Michigan. They are quite involved in Little League baseball and hockey!

Shawn Ray

Class of 1984

Inducted in 2003

If you happened to have been a fan of Golden Hawk football in the early 1980's, then you will remember Shawn Ray as the quick and powerful running back - wearing number 1 on his back - who brought great excitement to the varsity football field. Shawn played three years of varsity football for El Dorado. In 1983, he was the team's player of the year. He was named all-North Orange County and the Empire League's Offensive Back of the Year for that same season. He set a record for the longest run in EDHS history with a 98-yard effort. His senior year he was also selected to play in the North-South All Star football game. Special high school football memories include beating Esperanza twice! It was in his junior year at El Dorado that he first discovered his passion for body-building. He joined his first gym to begin training for the upcoming football season. Success in this new athletic pursuit came quickly to Shawn. His first award was second place at the Teenage Orange Coast just weeks after his training began. In the months that followed he won many teenage shows, including 1984 Teenage Mr. California and 1985 Teenage Mr. America. Shawn turned professional at the age of 22, and he ultimately became recognized as one of the best in the world. He has been named: "Mr. California", "Mr. America", and "Junior Mr. Universe". He was ranked in the top-five in the world from 1990-2001. Shawn was a two-time "Mr. Olympia" runner-up and has not missed competing in the Mr. Olympia since 1989. He served as host of ESPN's fitness show for six years and has been a commentator for various events on Fox *Sportsnet*. His career has taken him to countries all over the world - Russia, Spain, England, Japan and New Zealand, among them. His hard work and dedication to his pro career began at EDHS under the influence of Charles Titus, Joe Jacobs and Norm Parker. Following graduation from El Dorado, Shawn attended both Fullerton College and Cal State Fullerton. He credits his father for his support, guidance, and wisdom. Shawn is married to Kristie and makes his home in Yorba Linda.

Diana Rossi

Class of 1977

Inducted in 2003

In the early 1970's, CIF was beginning to sanction girls' sports - in a short period of time female athletes moved from the GAA format to full-fledged league play. We honor Diana Rossi as a 2003 Athletic Hall of Fame inductee for the very integral role she played in those formative years for El Dorado's female sports teams. She always demonstrated a wonderful work ethic, great natural talent, and consistent leadership for her teammates. Diana played softball, volleyball and basketball for the Golden Hawks; she exemplified the classic "ironman" in girls' sports. Her example inspired many younger athletes to strive for excellence and to make Golden Hawk girls' teams forces to be reckoned with! In 1976, EDHS won it's first-ever CIF title in women's sports - the basketball title. The following year, Diana led the Hawk softball team as it took the championship title. She remembers the team as being the Cinderella team in the tournament - that made the victory extra special! Diana was named the softball team's MVP following both her junior and senior seasons and was named first-team all-Orange League her senior year. She was known for her talents as an intimidating and overpowering pitcher as well as for her agility and accuracy at shortstop. Following her high school graduation, Diana went to Fullerton Junior College and continued to play softball for two seasons. She was selected as the FJC Athlete of the Year in 1979. She then went to Cal State Fullerton and played one more season of softball for the Titans before retiring from competition. She has experience as a high school softball coach. Diana credits coach Cyndi Watson for being instrumental in helping her on and off the field; in turn Watson calls Diana "one of the top athletes I've ever had a chance to coach - most likely she's number 1, She was always a team player!" She offers the following for advice: "Believe in who you are as a person, not an athlete. Being an athlete is a small part of who you are." Diana is married to Keith Endow and has three children: Joshua (11), Nathan (9) and Charissa (6).

Sam Rossi

Class of 1970

Inducted in 2000

Sam Rossi was El Dorado's first true Iron-man. He starred in varsity football, wrestling and track for four seasons in the Golden Hawk's opening years and helped establish the El Dorado athletic legacy. He probably could have added a few more sports to his career if time allowed! In football, he was a two-time all-County linebacker and running back and played in the Orange County all-star game. In wrestling, he was a three-time league champion, team MVP and captain. His track career saw him win the league title in the shot put all four years as well as the discus during his senior year. His three team MVP awards during his senior year led him to be chosen at EDHS Athlete of the Year. Sam played football at Fullerton College and Cal State Fullerton and was selected all-Conference each of his four seasons. In 1976, he competed for an Olympic berth in wrestling at the US Olympic trials. Glen Hastings, Bill Clark, Larry Bottom, Don

Chadez, Tom Byrnes and Joe Raya were special influences on Sam at El Dorado. His heroes are his parents. His father taught him to play hard, work hard, be dedicated to your goals and never accept anything but your best. His mother never missed an athletic event in Sam's eight years of high school and college. Her silent strength, her words of encouragement and wisdom and her optimism and love taught him to be a caring and loving person. He offers, "Always be the best you can be, whether in school, work, athletics or life. You should understand that hard work and discipline are the cornerstones to being successful." Sam resides in Norco with his wife Lillian and his six children, Tyson (20), Nicholas (19), Kyle (15), Ashley (15), Tyler (12) and Samantha (6 months). He is currently working as a private investigator. Sam has coached football and wrestling for over 22 years on various levels.

Craig Rutledge

Class of 1982

Inducted in 1998

For each of the four years during his athletic career at El Dorado, from 1979-1982, Craig participated in both baseball and football. In both 1980 and 1981 he was named All-CIF in football and in 1981 was named the LA Times Orange County Back of the Year. This humble, yet accomplished athlete, attended UCLA and graduated with a degree in political science. While a Bruin, he was named to the All-PAC10 team in both 1985 and 1986 and was selected the 1986 UCLA football Most Valuable Player. Craig names Steve Gullotti, Mel Morales, Joe Jacobs, Carl Sweet, and Lance Gross as coaches that had a very positive impact on his life. He also says that fellow inductee Joe Raya was an important part of his life at El Dorado. He credits his parents and the way they raised him for his success as an athlete and person. His parents taught him to work hard and to expect to succeed. A time of challenge came for Craig during his first two years at UCLA when it did not appear that he would ever get a chance to play. He believed in himself, however, and continued to work hard to improve. That work, along with a little luck, brought him great opportunities and the right preparation to take advantage of them! Of all of his achievements, he identifies his successes at El Dorado as being most special. He remembers great closeness of his teammates and coaches. His advice to others? "Take advantage of every minute of time you have at El Dorado to be the best at what you have chosen to do . . . Do not take the chance of having regrets later in life; be the best person you can be." Craig is currently an investment advisor, and in 1990 he was Salesperson of the Year in his organization. In 1989 Craig married El Dorado graduate Erika Locey; they and their three children, Kelsea (7), Jordan (6), and Jake (3) live in Orange. These days he enjoys golf and sports with his children.

Tim Sharp

Class of 1979

Inducted in 2011

If we describe Tim Sharp as a multisport athlete in high school and report that he made a name for himself in golf, baseball, track as well as football during his four years as a Golden Hawk, you'll begin to understand his physical gifts and love of competition. If we also mention that he played varsity quarterback for two years and also served as the 1979 Senior Class President, you will appreciate the tremendous natural leader – both on and off the athletic field – that Tim has always been. Physically strong, mentally disciplined, he inspired his teammates with his character, work ethic, and team spirit. Tim was at the helm when El Dorado played in the CIF championship game in 1978, and for his achievements that season he was named the Orange County Player of the Year, as well as being named first-team All-CIF and football's Hawk of the Year. From El Dorado, Tim went to the University of Tennessee for one year on athletic scholarship; he transferred to Stanford University his sophomore year and competed for three years for the Cardinal! Earning both a B.A. and an M.A. at Stanford in International Relations and Policy Studies, Tim then entered the U.S. Army for five years of active duty. He earned numerous commendations and participated in Operation Just Cause. In 1990 Tim began a 17-year career with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and twice earned awards as the top salesperson in the entire country! Today he is the senior vice president of a small insurance company and lives in Elk Grove, California, with his wife Nancy and their three daughters, Jennifer (23), Melanie (19) and Samantha (15). Tim names Connie Grosse, Carl Sweet and Glen Hastings as people who had a significant impact on his life in high school. Tim says that people have often told him how 'lucky' he has been, but he credits all the blessings of his life to a loving and wise God who has guided him every step of his experiences. His freshman year in Tennessee was a special time of challenge and disappointment; Tim says, "God was growing me and maturing me through this valley while a spot opened up at Stanford that was not there the year before." He advises us not to look back on life with any regrets of deeds undone or journeys not taken – the greatest lives are filled with risks taken and challenges overcome!

Lori Svoboda

Class of 1989

Inducted in 2000

Lori Svoboda made her mark as a high jumper on the El Dorado track and field program. During her four years competing on the varsity, Lori won the Empire League and Orange County high-jump championship each year. Her sophomore year was especially notable. Lori won the Masters' Meet title and finished second at the California State Meet. For her accomplishments, the OC Register named her Athlete of the Year in 1987. In 1989, Lori again advanced to the State meet where she finished third. Lori was the Empire League Athlete of the Year in 1987 and 1989. Lori went to Cal State Long Beach and continued to high jump for the 49ers. In 1992, she was an NCAA Division 1 all-America selection. She attempted to make the US Olympic team in 1996 and narrowly missed qualifying for the trials. Lori says she owes a debt to Charles Titus.

“When you are in high school, you don’t realize how lucky you are when you get a teacher and coach as knowledgeable as Mr. Titus. I know if I had gone to any other school, I probably would not have been as successful. Not only did I learn from him as my coach and teacher, he is also my friend.” Lori’s memories of EDHS are great. She feels fortunate to have attended school here. Those teachers that coached athletics gave 100% and she thinks that shows in the athletes that come out of El Dorado. “Athletics helps open doors for you that might otherwise not be. It builds an inner strength and power that no one can take away from you”. Her parents raised her to have confidence in herself. They were supportive, but never pushed her or made her feel badly when she didn’t do well. Lori Svoboda is now Lori Studer. She and her husband Todd live in Orange. She works in customer service for an attorney service. Lori also has dedicated herself to giving back to El Dorado, helping coach current Golden Hawk track athletes.

Michael Tillman

Class of 1987

Inducted in 2003

Michael Tillman epitomizes the strength of the El Dorado High School aquatics program during the 1980's. His natural talent, intense competitive drive, work ethic, and leadership among his teammates all contributed greatly to making El Dorado High School a championship school. He was named to the all-CIF water polo team as a junior and senior as the Hawks took the title both years. Mike was the CIF Player of the Year as a senior. His swim team won the CIF title both years, as well. One highlight of his Hawk career was getting the chance to compete alongside his brother, Craig. Mike attended the University of California at Berkeley after graduation. He played four years of water polo for the Golden Bears and was a member of three NCAA championship teams during his tenure. He graduated from college in 1992 with degrees in history and rhetoric. During his off-time at Cal, Mike worked and trained on a bicycle - that has set in motion his second remarkable career in athletics. By 1999, he had earned positions on the USA National Track Cycling teams, Olympic Long Team and the World Championships team. He spends his time traveling around the world competing on the track cycling circuit. He finished first at the 2002 World Cup in China and helped lead his team to the first-ever world title for America. Australia has become Mike's second home during the winter, as he trains and competes "down under" with that perennial world power. Michael says that cycling has turned into an epic journey - physically, emotionally and spiritually. Mike credits his high school coach, Tom Milich, for teaching him a work ethic and self-discipline that has helped him in every facet of his life. His parents' influence was the most important in his life development. Mike believes that winning individual events is not everything. His belief that the process you go through to get to that winning effort is what counts the most. The means you use to reach the final event become more important than the end result. This belief has led Mike to more victories in more exotic places than anyone would have imagined.

Todd Tomazic

Class of 1987

Inducted in 1998

In his four years as a Golden Hawk, Todd was a three-year varsity football letterman and a four-year varsity wrestler. His high school athletic career culminated in his being named both the El Dorado High School and the Empire League Athlete of the Year in 1987. That same year he was named an All-American wrestler. His favorite El Dorado memory comes from the 1986 California State CIF wrestling finals during his junior year when he and two of his teammates all reached the championship round. More than sixty Hawk fans were in the audience to watch El Dorado garner a 2nd place finish in the state. In his most tenacious and heart-stopping style, Todd went on to earn two state titles - one that junior year and one as a senior. His senior-year championship was especially powerful, as he had to endure knee surgery early in the season. After high school, Todd studied (and wrestled!) at the University of Notre Dame. He graduated with a degree in business/finance, and for two years captained the Fighting Irish wrestling team. He credits the Lawsons and other great El Dorado wrestlers for giving him lofty goals. He thanks his parents and family for their part in his personal success. El Dorado coaches Frank Gonzales, Steve Hyams and Morris Deferrante all influenced him profoundly as an athlete. After college Todd returned to El Dorado as varsity wrestling coach for a short time while he earned his MBA at Cal State Fullerton. These days he is Director of Finance for 525 Post Production in Hollywood, though he still enjoys directing wrestling tournaments. When asked to reflect back on his life experiences, Todd recommends to young people that they “play every sport possible and give it everything you have, because you only get one chance to be a high school athlete.” Todd is married to El Dorado graduate Rosa Pill; they have a one-year old son Blake and live here in Placentia.

Brett Tomko

Class of 1991

Inducted in 2003

As is true of several other Hall of Fame inductees, Brett Tomko's remarkable athletic career started out strong in high school ... and has grown even more remarkably ever since. Brett played varsity basketball and baseball for the Golden Hawks during his career. His greatest memory of El Dorado was the night he set the individual record for points in a basketball game by scoring 55 points. He tells us that, especially in high school, he always thought of himself as a better basketball player than baseball player. However, Brett's tremendous success in baseball took off after graduation as a member of the Mt. San Antonio Junior College team. As a sophomore, he was selected all-Conference, all-State, and 1st team all-America. This success continued at the next level at Florida Southern University. Brett's team won the NCAA Division II championship in 1995. He was honored as the Division II Most Outstanding Player in the College World Series. After the season, Brett was selected as the Division II National Pitcher of the Year, first team all-America, and the ABCA National Player of the

Year. That June, Brett was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds organization and began his professional baseball career. He says that the day he got the call that he was going to the "big" leagues was his most special highlight as an athlete. It was an "unbelievable moment." He has played in the major league with four teams: Cincinnati, Seattle, San Diego and the St. Louis Cardinals. He enjoyed his best season in the big leagues in 2003 with the Cardinals, recording 13 wins. Brett attributes his success to the support of his parents and brother. His competitive drive was honed over many years of playing against his brother Scott in everything from video games to backyard basketball. His friendship with a group of guys from EDHS remains as strong as ever; they travel many miles following Brett during the season. In addition to his athletic gifts, Brett is a very talented and accomplished artist as well. He advises kids to "keep working hard or even harder and never give up until you reach the goals you have set for yourself."

Amanda Watkins

Class of 2004

Inducted in 2017

In the years that Amanda attended El Dorado, from 2000-2004, her athletic prowess and inspirational example among her teammates in both water polo and softball were undeniable. Her leadership as a highly skilled and motivated athlete, along with her achievements as a distinguished classroom scholar and person of integrity and character, culminated in her selection as the 2004 El Dorado Hawk of the Year. Of that honor, and of her selection to the 2017 Golden Hawk Athletic Hall of Fame, Amanda says, "It is one of those flash-bulb memories that will sometimes pop into my head and make me pause to reflect about how blessed I have been in my life." In her high school athletic career, one stand-out moment was the 2002 CIF softball championship that she got to be part of. The team overcame many obstacles to gain that victory. Though softball was an incredibly important part of her life, Amanda tells us that her water polo experience really defined her time at EDHS. Through her aquatics career, she came to regard coaches David Wallace and Sunshine Cavalluzzi as her most important and influential high school coaches. She also tributes Chris Weisz for teaching her many things about life and about being a goalie. In water polo she was named 1st team All-Century League both as a junior and as a senior. Serving as captain of the team her senior year, she also earned distinction in the Century League as Scholar Athlete. As a softball player, she was named 1st team All League for three years and was honored as the Century League MVP in 2004. From 2004-2008 Amanda studied and played Division 1 softball at Harvard University. During her time there, she was named an All-American Scholar Athlete, a 1st team ESPN All-District athlete, 2nd team All-Ivy League and Harvard's Most Outstanding Pitcher. Amanda reflects on sports and says that the real treasure of being an athlete is what you receive in terms of life skills, friendships, and work ethic. It's these intangibles that make life infinitely richer. When asked if she has a hero in her life, Amanda is quick to say it is her dad. He "artfully balances the pressure to excel with the presence of unconditional support and love. Certainly I would not have been the athlete I was or the person I am without him!" Amanda earned an M.S. in Physicians Assistant Studies and currently works in clinical practice in family medicine. She and her husband Thomas Ingalls welcomed daughter Madeline Rae into their family in 2016.

